# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# PLANNING
# LOK SABHA

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SPECIAL CATEGORY STATUS TO ASSAM
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

(a) whether Assam Government had made a proposal to accord retrospective accord since 1969 to the special category status of the state: and

(b) if so, the decision taken thereon?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF PLANNING, STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) & (b): Since 1969, Assam has been treated as a Special Category State. However, theliberalized pattern of Central Assistance in the ratio of 90:10 of grant and loan was restricted to the Hill areas of Assam till 1990 as the rest of the State had a well developed fiscal apparatus and viable revenue system like any other Non-Special Category State of India. Inpursuance of the continued request from the State Government, the National DevelopmentCouncil (NDC) in its 42nd Meeting decided to extend the liberalized pattern of Central Assistance to the entire State of Assam from 1.4.1991 onwards and this was further pre- poned to 1.4.1990 based on the recommendations of the Rangarajan Committee. The State Government however, continues to urge the Centre to pre-pone the liberalized Central Assistance from 1.4.1990 to 1.4.1969. A change in the existing pattern of Grant-Loan ratio of Central Assistance to any State including that of Assam would require the approval of the NDC.